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## Greetings!

**There are several important items that require your attention and action in this newsletter. Please take the time to join us in conserving Tennessee great wildlife and natural resources.**

If you are currently not a TWF member, please feel free go to [www.tnwf.org](http://www.tnwf.org) and join.

Enjoy!  
Mike

**TVA Recommending Public Land  
Protection - ACTION REQUIRED!**

**Comments on proposed new TVA  
policy needed**

The Tennessee Valley Authority has issued a draft policy that would stop the sales of public lands for residential and commercial private development. The policy would in effect protect the public uses and values on some 293,000 acres of public lands in 7 states.



Due to their location near to and on the lake shore, these lands are vital for wildlife and fish habitat, shoreline erosion protection, water quality, and recreation. In comparison, these lands represent approximately 60% of the shoreline, leaving 40% to private ownership, of which only about 15% have been

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which only about 15% have been developed.

In years past, TVA has entertained sales of public lands to private developers for private use - always in the face of enormous public opposition to such sales. (In general, multiple surveys have shown that the public supports protection of TVA public lands by a margin of 97% to 3%)

Recently, the new TVA Board of Directors tasked a board committee to study the existing land policy. This committee held hearings and subsequently recommended to the board that public land sales for residential and commercial development cease.

The Tennessee General Assembly (96-0) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (13-0) have both passed resolutions asking TVA to stop their selling of public lands to private developers.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL** - Please take a moment to register your support for the proposed TVA policy that protects our public lands, wildlife, water, and recreational opportunities.

#### Public Comments

A 30-day comment period extends from Oct. 2 through Nov. 3, 2006. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

E-mail: [landpolicyhearing@tva.gov](mailto:landpolicyhearing@tva.gov)

Mail: TVA Board Community Relations,  
Land Policy 400 W. Summit Hill Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499 Phone: 888-  
882-7675 (toll-free) Fax: 865-632-3146

[Click here to see the proposed TVA land policy.](#)

MEETINGS SET TO DISCUSS

## HUNTS

### Request by Tennessee Wildlife Federation Resolution Moves Forward



The  
Tennessee  
Wildlife  
Resources  
Agency  
(TWRA)  
has set

two public meetings to discuss the possibility of establishing a quota permit elk hunt in the fall of 2007.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:  
October 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. EDT - Cove Lake State Park, Take Exit 134 off I-75 and turn East on Hwy 63. The Park entrance is approximately ½ mile on the left.

November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. EST - John Sevier Hunter Education Center, Directions: take the Broadway Exit off I-640 and go approximately 4 miles north on Broadway, turn left on Rifle Range Rd. The John Sevier is on the right approximately 2 miles west on Rifle Range Rd.

In May 2006, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency was directed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to investigate the feasibility and processes necessary to establish an elk hunt in 2007.

At its September meeting in Nashville, the Commission heard a preliminary report on the possibility of establishing an elk hunt in Tennessee. The report discussed the current status of Tennessee's elk herd, potential impacts of various levels of harvest on herd growth, and potential strategies for establishing a hunt.

As part of the process for public involvement in the decision-making process, TWRA will host two public

process, TWRA will host two public meetings in East Tennessee to present information on the hunt proposals that are being considered. The public meetings will include presentations on the elk herd status, an explanation of the hunt proposals under consideration, and an opportunity for public input.

In addition to these public meetings, TWRA will be establishing a web site with information on the hunt proposals, including an opportunity for the public to submit their comments on-line. Log on to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) to access the elk hunt proposal web page.

#### **TWF Great Outdoors University Adds New Partner**

##### **First GOU weekend a great success**

TWF's Great Outdoors University has expanded its partnerships this fall to include Girls, Inc., a Memphis-based organization

dedicated to the development and support of girls and young women in the Memphis area. Girls Inc. join Boy Scouts of America as a key partner in the success that has become GOU.



#### **GOU Weekend a Success**

On September 9th, TWF Great Outdoors University held its first GOU Weekend at Land Between the Lakes in northern west Tennessee.

Fifty-nine youngsters spent their weekend being exposed to and learning about the great outdoors. Activities included programs to help these you scouts earn badges in Bird Study, Wilderness Survival, Leave No Trace, Nature, Hiking, Mammal Study, Archery, Orienteering, Fishing

Stay tuned to updates from TWF about GOU opportunities in your area.

**TWF/GOU thanks the Memphis Daily News for its generous financial support.**

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#### **TWF Launches New Sctp Website**

**[www.tnsctp.org](http://www.tnsctp.org)**

Check out the new Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target website at [www.tnsctp.org](http://www.tnsctp.org).



This site, designed by Epps Interactive, provides users a quick and effective way to learn about the Sctp program and opportunities in your area.

For more information, call Chad Whittenburg at 615- 353-1133 ext.3

[To see the new site click here](#)

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The Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Mission is to champion the conservation, sound management and enjoyment of Tennessee's wildlife and natural resources for current and future generations through stewardship, advocacy and education.

We are an organization that works in Tennessee for Tennesseans and the wonderful wildlife and natural resources that live here.

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Tennessee Wildlife Federation

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